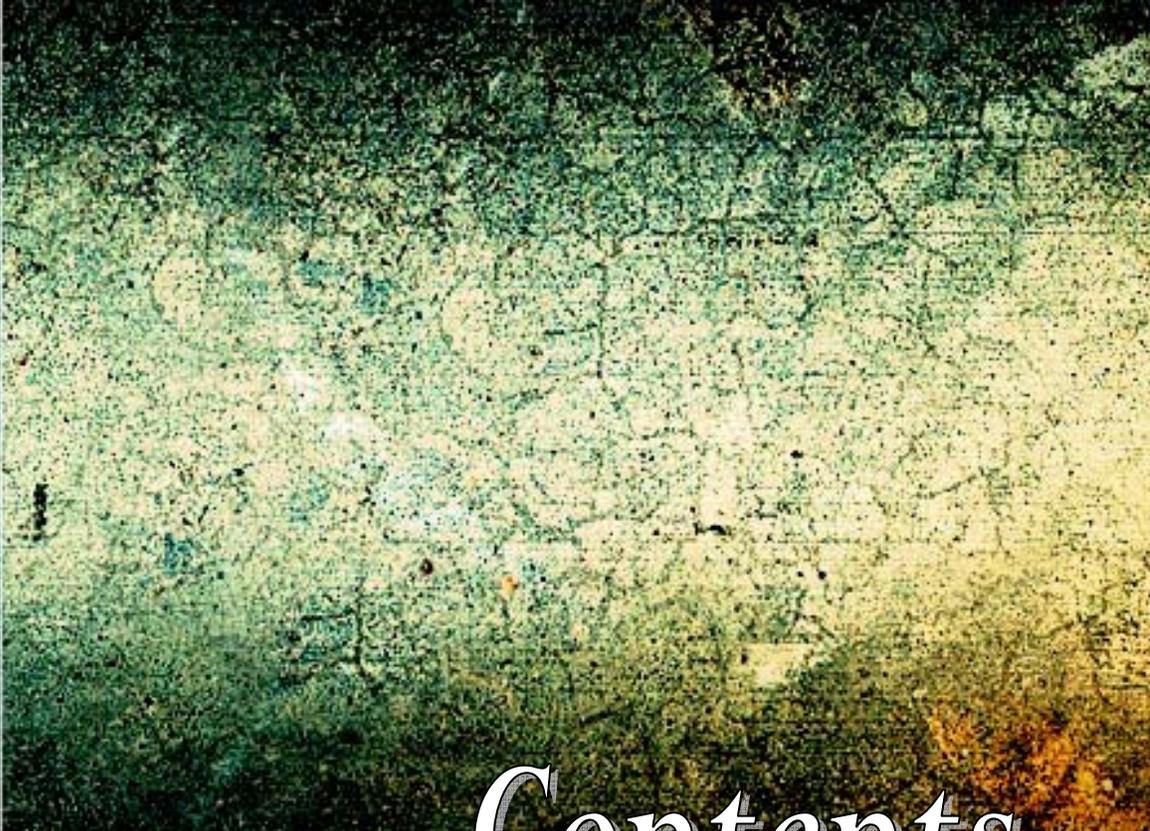
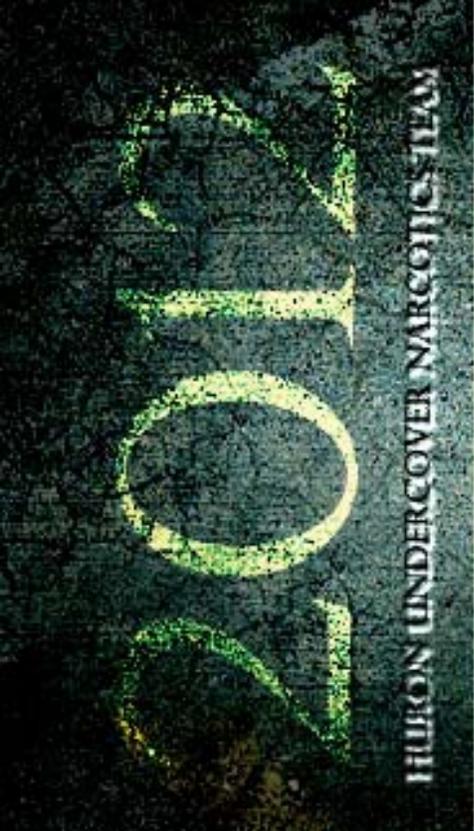




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Overview

The Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) is a multi-jurisdictional narcotics task force providing service to the counties of Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency, and Presque Isle, in North-eastern Michigan. The primary goal of the team is to identify, infiltrate, and arrest those involved in the illegal use, sale, and/or distribution of controlled substances.

HUNT was established in 1990 and is governed under an inter-local agreement between the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle, the city of Alpena, the city of Rogers City, and the Michigan State Police. HUNT is overseen by a board of directors made up of the prosecuting attorneys from the four counties and the law enforcement officials from the member departments.

During 2012, the team consisted of 5 undercover officers from local police agencies as well as a detective sergeant and a detective lieutenant from the Michigan State Police. All of those detectives have been specifically trained in narcotics and special investigations, undercover operations, surveillance, and raid entry. Approximately 9,803 officer hours were spent during the year on team activity, down substantially from 2011 (13,348) and 2010 (15,500).

During the team's 22 years of service, HUNT has removed 8.4 million dollars worth of illegal drugs from the streets of the community, as well as 426 illegal firearms. A total of 3,328 investigations have been initiated resulting in the arrest of 1,767 felons, 465 misdemeanants, and 501 fugitives.



Board of Directors

Chairman	Mr. Edward Black, Alpena County Prosecuting Attorney
Vice Chairman	F/Lt. Mike Hahn, Michigan State Police Alpena Post Commander
Legal Advisor	Mr. Thomas Weichel, Alcona County Prosecuting Attorney
Secretary/Treasurer	Sheriff Steve Kieliszewski, Alpena County
	Sheriff Doug Atchison, Alcona County
	Ms. Terri Case, Montmorency County Prosecuting Attorney
	Sheriff Donald Edwards, Montmorency County
	Interim Chief Joel Jett, Alpena City Police Department
	Capt. Robert Lesneski, Michigan State Police 7th District Commander
	Sheriff Robert Paschke, Presque Isle County
	Chief Matthew Quaine, Rogers City Police Department
	Mr. Richard Steiger*, Presque Isle County Prosecuting Attorney

*Resigned from board in October, 2012

Investigations

HUNT initiated 168 new investigations in 2012. Of those, 100 were drug related (listed right), with marijuana delivery and manufacturing being the most commonly found, followed by morphine and hydrocodone. Other than the drug related cases, 37 cases involved the location and arrest of fugitives, 30 cases were providing assistance to other departments, and the remaining cases included theft of military equipment, assault and battery, operating under the influence of drugs, explosive device, and driving while license suspended.

As a result of those 2012 investigations, 135 people have been arrested, with 21 still pending arrest.

Drug Related Investigations

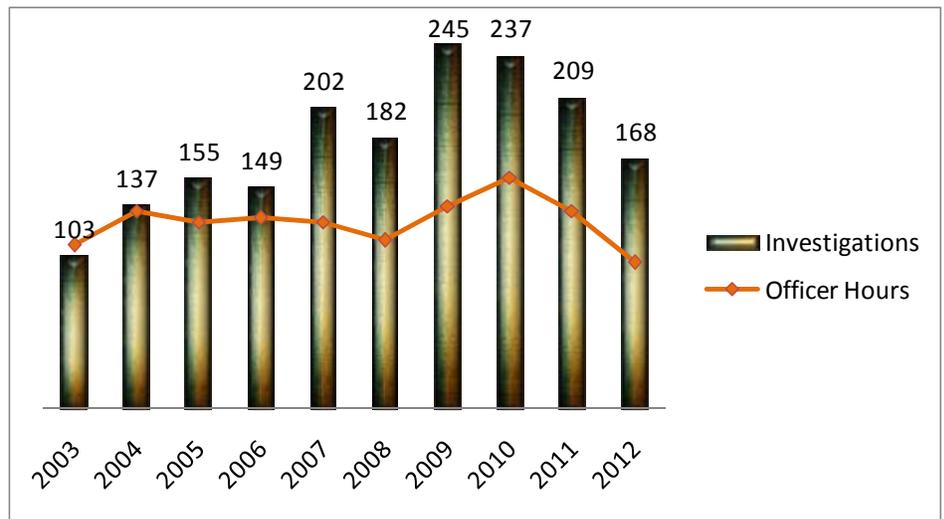
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Cocaine Delivery	1
Heroin Delivery	2
Heroin Possession	1
Hydrocodone Delivery	8
Hydrocodone Possession	1
Hydromorphone Delivery	1
Marijuana Delivery	13
Marijuana Manufacturing	20
Marijuana Possession	13
Methadone Delivery	4
Methamphetamine Lab	3
Morphine Delivery	13
Oxycodone Delivery	2
Psilocybin Delivery	1
RX Fraud	3
Suboxone Delivery	4
Suboxone Possession	4
Synthetic Marijuana Deliver	2
Synthetic Marijuana Possession	3

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Investigations

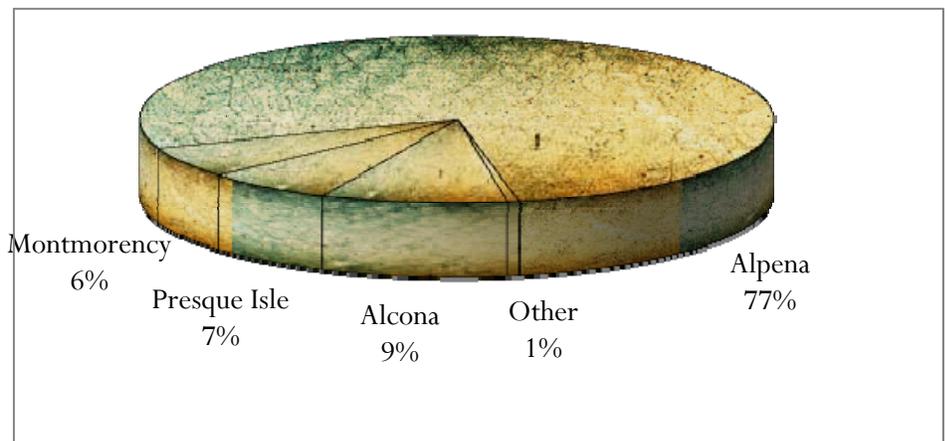
Annual Investigation Trends

The chart to the right depicts annual investigations for the past 10 years, as well as a trend line (1%) of officer hours. A total of 9,803 hours were spent during the year by officers investigating the 168 complaints initiated. Those hours are the lowest they've been in the past 10 years due to position vacancies. Some of those positions were filled by the end of the year and some were not.



Investigations by Jurisdiction

The city of Alpena is the largest municipality in HUNT's coverage area. Therefore, much of the drug trafficking is done there, with the intention of subsequently transporting it to the surrounding communities. Of the 130 investigations initiated in Alpena County, 91 of those were within the city of Alpena.





Arrested Persons

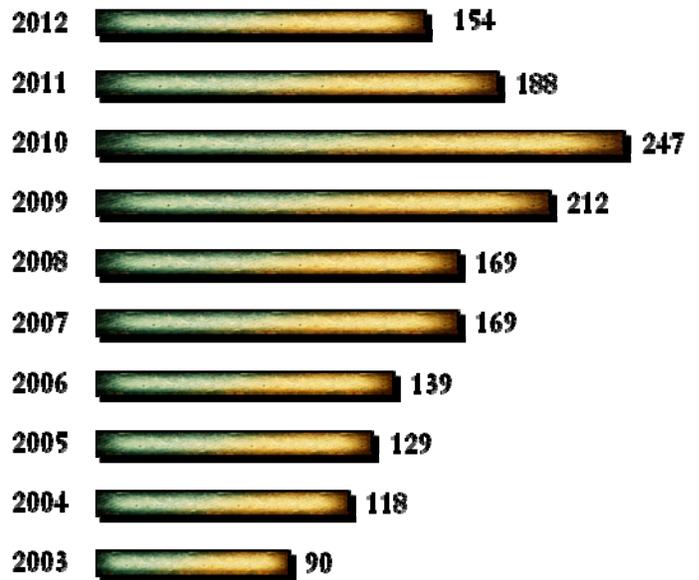
Hunt arrested 154 people in 2012. Of those arrested, 113 (73%) were repeat offenders. The ratio of male to female arrests was 75% male and 25% female.

Some of those individuals were arrested as a result of HUNT investigations, some were fugitives, or other agency warrants, and some were bench warrants.

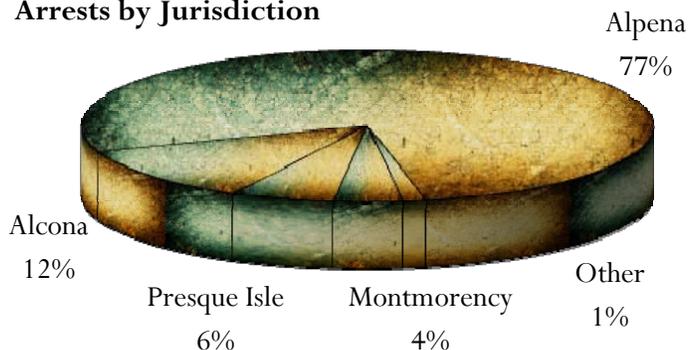
Arrest Stats

Total Persons Arrested	154
Male	115
Female	39
Over 18	148
Under 18	6
On Parole at time of Arrest	10
On Probation at time of Arrest	24
Repeat Offender	113

Annual Arrests



Arrests by Jurisdiction

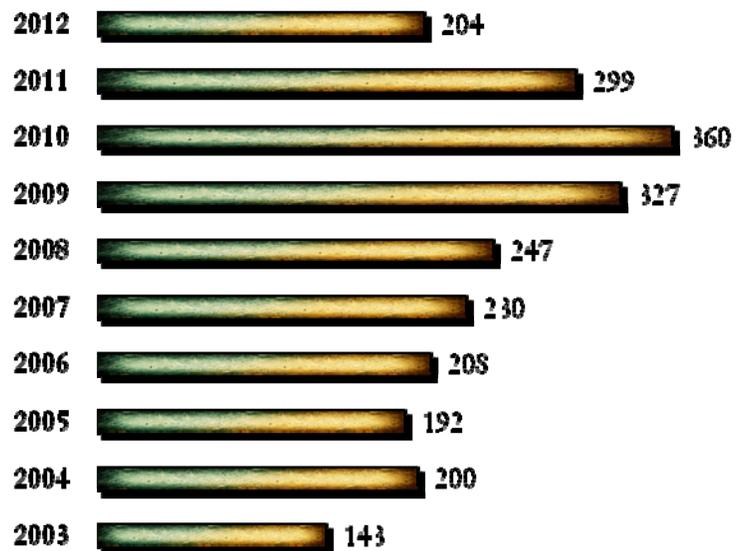




Arrest Counts

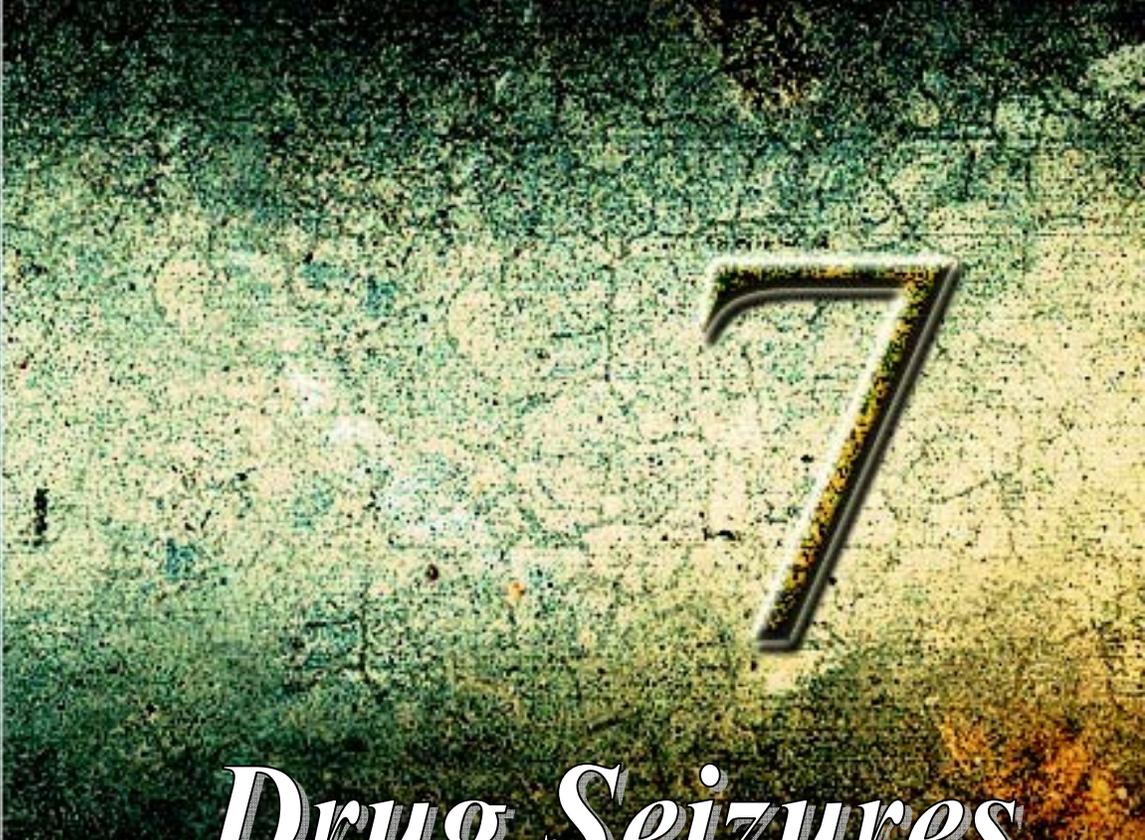
Arrest Counts

Of the 204 arrest counts during 2012, 104 were felony charges, 28 were misdemeanor, and 72 were fugitives. A total of 118 of these were drug related as listed below. The other charges included assault and battery, home invasion, larceny, receive and conceal stolen property, tampering with evidence, and various others.



Narcotics Related Arrest Counts

Clonazepam Delivery	1	Marijuana Delivery	19	Prescription Fraud	1
Cocaine Delivery	1	Marijuana Manufacturing	16	Prescription Possession	1
Conspiracy to Deliver	5	Marijuana Possession	16	Psilocybin Delivery	2
Heroin Delivery	1	Methadone Delivery	3	Suboxone Delivery	5
Hydrocodone Delivery	14	Methamphetamine Possession	2	Suboxone Possession	1
Hydrocodone Possession	1	Morphine Delivery	17	Synthetic Marijuana Possession	1
Maintaining a Drug House	5	Oxycodone Delivery	5	Valium Possession	1

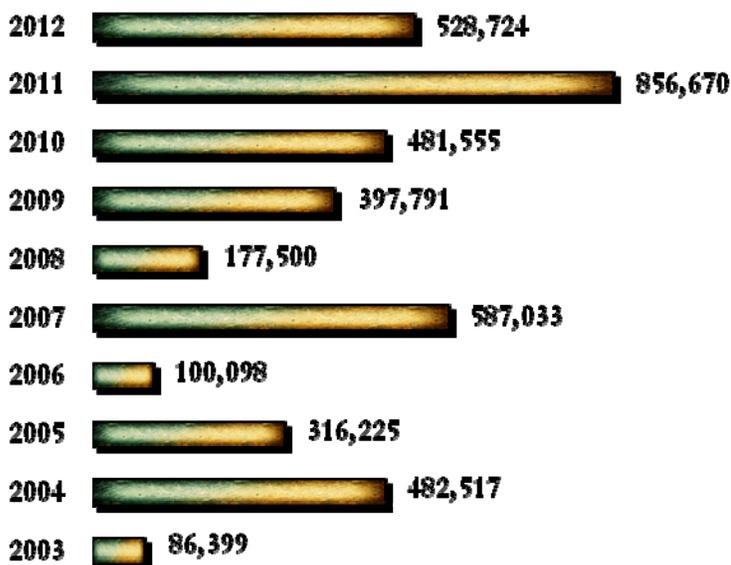


Drug Seizures

HUNT seized \$528,724 worth of illegal drugs during 2012. Drugs are seized throughout the year by means of controlled/undercover purchases, possession during traffic stops, search warrants, HEMP flights, consent searches, etc.

Marijuana remains the most commonly seized drug in Northeastern Michigan. During the year, 475 marijuana plants were eradicated, with 112 of those being from indoor grow operations, and 363 being from outdoor plots. Hydrocodone (Vicodin) was the most commonly seized prescription drug in 2012.

Annual Drug Seizures (Street Value)



2012 Drug Seizures

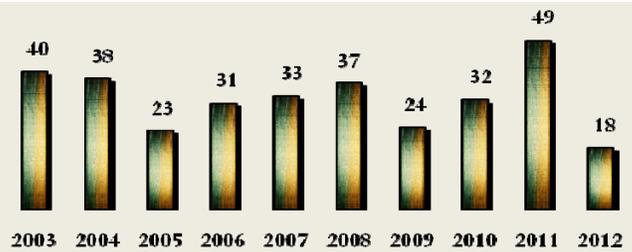
Drug	Seizures	Street Value
Cocaine	1.2 Grams	120.00
Codeine	17 Units	255.00
Hashish	6.3 Grams	63.00
Hydrocodone	313 Units	4,560.00
Marijuana	4454 Grams	44,541.00
Marijuana	475 Plants	475,000.00
Methadone	30 Units	450.00
Morphine	80 Units	1,200.00
Oxycodone	67 Units	1,560.00
Psilocybin	8.9 Grams	534.00
Suboxone	21.5	215.00
Synthetic Marijuana	21 Grams	210.00
Valium	4 Units	8.00
Other Prescriptions	8 Units	8.00



Searches/Seizures

HUNT conducted 18 search warrants in 2012. As a result, 17 illegal firearms were seized as well as drugs and drug trafficking evidence.

Search Warrants



HUNT seized \$41,032 worth of property during the year. This property consisted of 8 vehicles, \$1,977 in cash, 21 cell phones, and other items used to facilitate drug trafficking operations. Some of these items will be sold at public auction, some will be destroyed, some will be retained by HUNT, and some will be returned in settlement agreements.

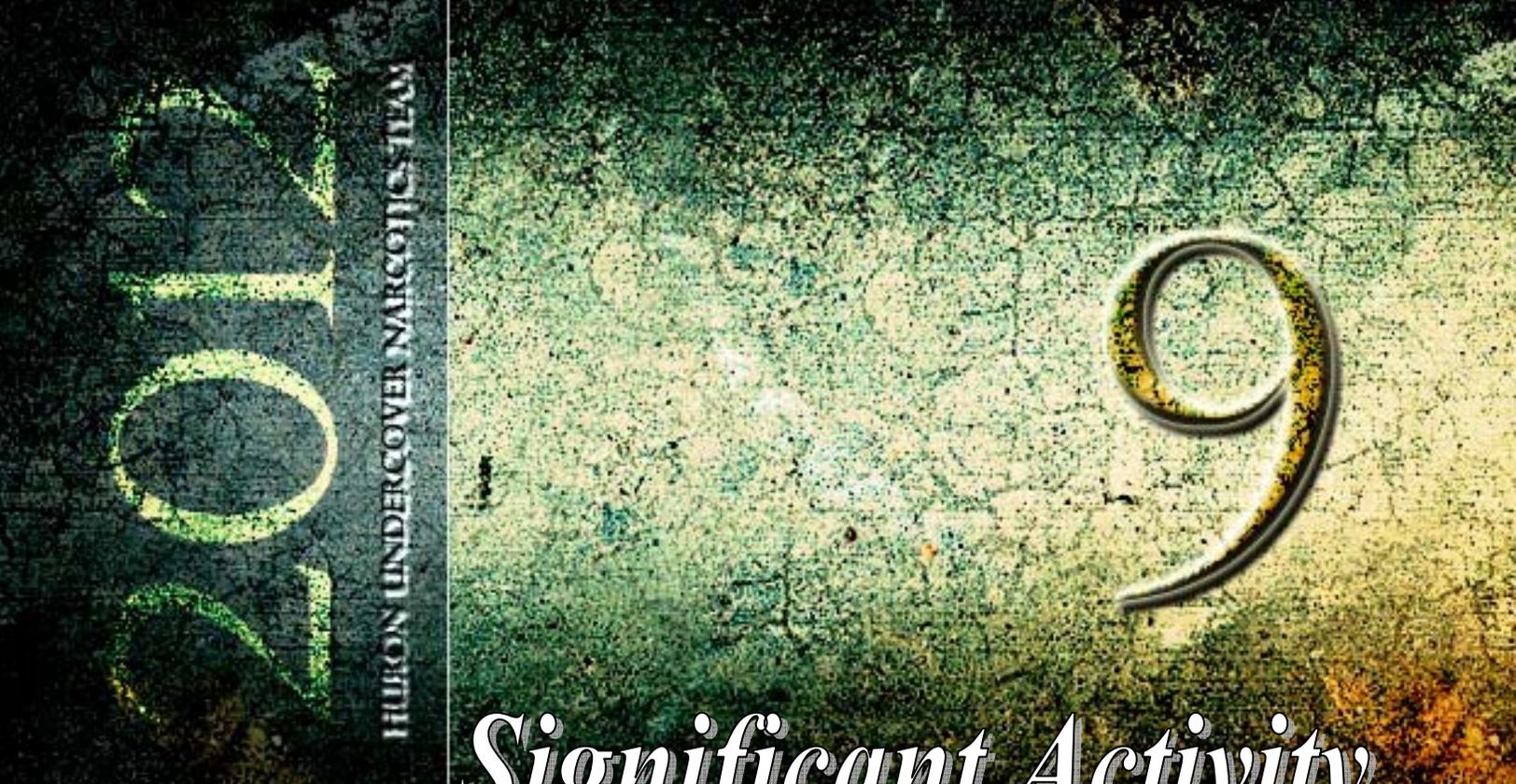
Property Seizures



A total of \$14,258 in forfeiture proceeds were adjudicated during the year. These proceeds were obtained through public sale of seized items, retention of seized cash, and settlement agreements. Some of the adjudicated property was seized during previous years, and some during 2012.

Forfeiture Proceeds





Significant Activity

PROBATIONER INCARCERATED

In March of 2012, HUNT officers received information from an unnamed complainant about suspicious short-term traffic at a local motel room. Subsequent investigation revealed that the registered tenant of the room was a probationer under the 26th Circuit Court of Alpena. A joint investigation then ensued between HUNT and Alpena County Probation/Parole. As a result, the suspect was lodged on a probation violation and additionally charged with possession of marijuana and delivery of marijuana to a minor. He was ultimately sentenced to 1-2 years in prison.

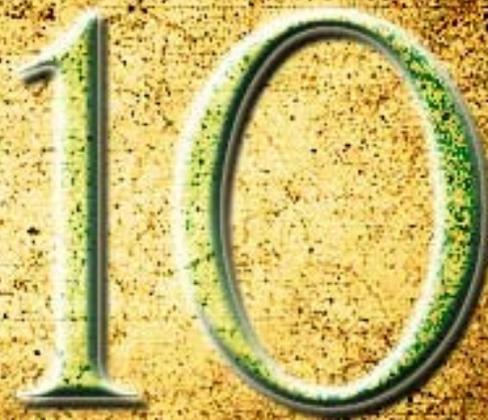
HABITUAL OFFENDER INCARCERATED

In early 2012 HUNT began an investigation into a female in Presque Isle County who had numerous convictions on her record for controlled substance violations dating back to 1989. The latest of which was a HUNT case from 2007 in which she was convicted and sentenced to prison. In 2012, via the use of a confidential informant, HUNT officers learned that she was again trafficking in narcotics. HUNT was able to make controlled purchases of Oxycodone, Morphine, and marijuana from this individual. She was ultimately convicted and sentenced to 12 months in the county jail, and probation.

HUNT LOCATES VIOLENT CRIMINALS

In December of 2012, HUNT was requested to assist in the location of two individuals who were suspected of having broken into the home of a 73 year-old female, robbed, and beaten her. HUNT detectives worked through the night, making contact with numerous individuals and ultimately learning that the suspects were hold-up in a local motel room. Circumstances required that the motel room door be forced, but the two were taken into custody without further incident. Following interviews of those suspects by the original agency, it was determined that there was a third suspect in the incident, and HUNT was again tasked with locating that individual. Via the use of covert measures, HUNT was able to lure that suspect to a location in Ossineke where he was contacted and taken into custody. The three were ultimately charged with home invasion first degree, and the first two with felonious assault. The court case, at the time of this writing, is ongoing.

During the assistance in the above investigation, HUNT officers became suspicious of meth lab activity by the suspects. Subsequent investigation resulted in a search warrant being conducted at the suspect's residence where numerous items were seized as evidence of a meth lab. Charges regarding the meth lab are still pending at the end of the year.

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Significant Activity

LIQUID METHADONE TRAFFICKER JAILED

An investigation concluded in 2011 in which an adult male individual had died of an apparent liquid methadone overdose in Alpena County. A suspect was established in that case as the source of the liquid methadone; however, there was not enough evidence and/or witness testimony to pursue prosecution. In early 2012, through the use of a confidential informant, HUNT was able to make two controlled purchases of liquid methadone from the same suspect, as well as a purchase of Xanax. The suspect was subsequently charged with two counts delivery of liquid methadone and the Xanax, as well as habitual offender. He was convicted and sentenced to county jail time and probation.

YELLOW JUG OLD DRUGS

HUNT continues participation in the “Yellow Jug Old Drugs” program. The program, established by the Great Lakes Clean Water Organization, provides a means for people to dispose of unused, unwanted, and/or expired prescription medications at various locations (pharmacies) throughout HUNT’s coverage area. Those locations however, cannot accept scheduled narcotics for disposal through the yellow jug. HUNT’s participation provides drop points at various law enforcement agencies, where scheduled narcotics can be dropped off and subsequently disposed of by HUNT. During 2012 HUNT collected 19,912 units of prescription narcotics which were ultimately disposed of, keeping them from reaching our water supplies and/or reaching the streets as illegal substances.

MARIJUANA TRAFFICKER LODGED

In April of 2012, HUNT received information from the Portland, Oregon Police Drug Interdiction Task Force that they had intercepted a package containing approximately 2 pounds of marijuana, destined for Alpena. The package had been sent from an unknown individual in Oregon. HUNT immediately began an investigation that revealed that the package had been addressed to a false named individual, at an Alpena residence. HUNT took possession of the package, replaced the contents, and delivered it. Following receipt by the Alpena resident, he was charged with conspiracy to deliver marijuana and maintaining a drug house. The suspect ultimately plead guilty to delivery of marijuana. During subsequent interviews, the sender of the package was identified as a former Alpena resident with ties to the recipient of the package. The Portland, Oregon Police Drug Interdiction Task Force was provided with that information to further their investigation.



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Funding Sources

Alcona County	161,321
Alpena County	43,481
Alpena Township	1,000
Green Township	2,000
Sanborn Township	375
Wilson Township	1,000
Alpena City	78,830
Michigan State Police	259,929
Montmorency County	5,000
Albert Township	1,000
Avery Township	1,150
Hillman Township	1,000
Loud Township	500
Montmorency Township	1,000
Rust Township	1,000
Presque Isle County	77,661
Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	103,587
Stimulus Grant	24,212
Private Contribution	1,000
Restitution/Recovered Funds	3,309
Adjudicated Forfeitures	32,590
Interest	260
Total Operating Costs	801,205

* The listed figures reflect the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012.

* A portion of the adjudicated forfeitures expended during the year were proceeds from previous years.

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Conclusion

As commander of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team, I respectfully present this annual report for 2012. Although my assignment to the team began late in the year, it is apparent to me that the team's activity and benefit to the community is immeasurable.

In addition to the statistics reported in the earlier pages of this report, the team conducted 73 controlled purchases of drugs through the year, resulting in the drugs and the drug traffickers being removed from the streets. The team provided assistance to local agencies in the location and arrest of an individual wanted on a forcible criminal sexual conduct charge, one on an involuntary manslaughter charge, one on a felony firearms charge, and numerous others. The team provided assistance to the Traverse City Police Department in locating an individual who had fled to Alpena and was wanted on felony warrants in Traverse City, the FBI who had a federal indictment for an individual in Alpena stemming from a previous joint investigation, and the Knox County, Kentucky Sheriff Department with the location and return of a stolen car as well as the apprehension of the individuals who had taken it.

The team, in cooperation with the Michigan State Police, has measures in place to cover the costs and implementation of the removal and cleanup of meth labs located within the participating jurisdictions. Those costs and cleanup processes would otherwise be the liability of the municipality in which they are located.

I am confident that the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team will continue to be an immeasurable asset contributing to the quality of life and safety of the community it serves.

Sincerely,



D/Lt. Frank Keck
Commander, Huron Undercover Narcotics Team



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